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Non-Pharmacological and Complementary Therapies for Chronic Illness: New Advances in Nursing

Message from the Guest Editor

Despite the continuous and growing improvements in treatments and therapies, chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and cancer have been and continue to be some of the major causes of worldwide morbidity and mortality. In recent years, non-pharmacological and complementary therapies have attracted much attention in healthcare. Paralleling this increase, nurses have been growing interested in incorporating these strategies into patient care. However, this topic is complex to discuss. A uniformly accepted definition or classification of non-drug methods used in health care does not exist. These methods are also linked to a variety of terms, such as non-invasive, nonpharmacologic, complementary, and alternative methods. Although these terms may be used interchangeably, they may also be defined differently in the literature. Consequently, it is difficult to identify the scope of any discussion on non-drug methods. It is even more controversial and complicated to define nurses' role, responsibilities and attitudes on this topic. Further evidence is needed and applicable.

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